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Enrollment decreases by almost 13 percent

By Samuel Nusbaum
Administration Reporter | @DEN_News

Eastern's overall enrollment has dropped by almost 13 percent, with the number of students decreasing from 8,520 to 7,415 students this year. 6,548 of these students are living on campus, and 867 students live off campus.

5,957 undergraduate students and 1,318 graduate students are enrolled at Eastern this year.

From freshmen to seniors, enrollment is down from the previous year.

Currently, 1,251 freshmen are at Eastern, down from 1,673 last year.

Sophomores number 1,073 this year compared to 1,295 last year.

1,447 juniors are enrolled this year where there used to be 1,791, and 2,138 seniors are at Eastern compared to 2,385 last year.

Only the graduate and international student numbers saw increases this semester.

Currently 1,458 graduate students are enrolled now compared to 1,318 from last year, a 10.6 percent increase.

The number of international students went up by 48.8 percent with 433 students when there were 291 last year.

The average ACT score of the incoming freshman class is a 21.34, and the high school GPA is a 3.08.

Vicki Woodard, coordinator of public information, said there was a lot of speculation about the numbers prior to the 10th day, with estimates all over the board.

She said some people guessed the enrollment numbers would be much lower than what was released Thursday morning.

"I think a lot of that was caused by incorrect reporting," Woodard said.

Rumors being spread around on social media concerned with how the university would be able to operate did not help, Woodard said.

Woodard said she is optimistic about the university's potential recovery, adding that she believes enrollment numbers will grow even after Eastern was thrown off course by the state budget impasse.

Kelly Miller, who started as admissions director in July, said the enrollment numbers she was initially hearing were much lower than what was released Thursday morning.

To combat these lower numbers, Miller said the university has a plan in place including the hiring of two new admissions counselors.

"Statistics tell you that personal outreach is key to increasing enrollment," Miller said.

Miller said one of the admissions counselors

will focus on transfer students, and the other will focus on freshmen.

The admissions counselors will answer prospective student's questions and be the first person they contact.

Other things include name buying, a process where universities buy the names of students who have just taken the ACT, which are then sent to the university.

Miller said the admissions office will target students they know yield well, including honors students and students with interests Eastern is known for such as student volunteerism.

Eastern holds many conferences over the summer and during the year like the state track competition, which brings prospective students onto campus.

Many people have come forward asking to help with enrollment, from current students to alumni and retirees. Miller said retirees are offering to direct traffic and be the smiling face people see when they first come to campus.

Students are offering to talk about Eastern and all it has to offer when they go home.

"Go back to your high school and tell your story," Miller said.

Though Miller said she is not one to place blame around, but part of the responsibility for the low enrollment lies with the state.

She said the Illinois government did not help with funding aid, such as Monetary Awards Program grants, which sent the wrong message to students.

Miller has met with high school guidance counselors who expressed their own concerns to her.

"What all of them said is 'I have families concerned to send their students to an in-state school because the state isn't supporting higher education,'" Miller said.

Her response to them is Eastern will take care of the students and make sure they get a degree and get out into the world.

An example she gave of Eastern taking care of their students is when the school funded MAP grants.

Last week, Miller was told she had a high-pressure position, a statement she disagrees with.

"We have a great product to sell. We talked to our alumni. Alumni had a great experience here," Miller said. They have fantastic jobs now and are giving back. My own daughter transferred here this fall. I believe in what we do here and how we serve students here and how we change student's lives."

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Enrollment varies around Illinois state universities

ENROLLMENT FOR FALL 2016

NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

Enrollment fell to **10,373**
721 less students than last year

ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY

Enrollment increased to **21,039**
232 more students than last year

WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

Enrollment fell to **19,015**
5.5% less students than last year

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY EDWARDSVILLE

Enrollment fell to **19,015**
1% less students than last year

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY CARBONDALE

Enrollment fell to **16,000**
7.6% less students than last year

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS URBANA-CHAMPAIGN

Enrollment increased to **44,087**
1.8% more students than last year

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS SPRINGFIELD

Enrollment increased to **3,483**
1% more students than last year

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS CHICAGO

Enrollment increased to **28,710**
<1% more students than last year

'Song Stage' features diverse acts

By Angelica Cataldo
Entertainment Reporter | @DEN_News

Eight artists will be featured when "Song Stage Midwest" is filmed Friday at 6 p.m. in the Doudna Fine Arts Center Theater.

During "Song Stage," these artists will perform live and compete against one another to be the final winner of the contest.

The audience will have the chance to vote for their favorite performer via text and can pur-

chase a ticket for \$7 through the Doudna Fine Arts Center.

Christiana Ball
From: Waynesville, Mo.
Age: 29

Ball is originally from Georgia, and has a band of her own that she performs with. Ball described her performance as an alternative country and blue-grass style. She said she does not want to label herself to just one genre, explaining that she wants to expand her horizons in the future.

Cedd the Light
From: Kansas City, Mo.
Age: 33


Cedd the Light came up with his stage name to convey how his music is filled with positivity and motivation. He hopes to "activate other people's "light." He describes his style as a cross-over genre from indie and alternative pop. He has been singing since he was 9 years old and playing the guitar for 12 years. Cedd the Light's mother is a music teacher, so has been around music his whole life.

Brian Locascio
From: Kansas City, Mo.
Age: 20

Locascio will be playing on stage with his bandmate Rodd Fenton, 24. They will be performing indie-alternative music. Song Stage reached out to them from their ReverbNation webpage. Locascio and Fenton's band has been together for two years. Locascio will be playing an accordion during his performance, and has been involved with music since he was 8 years old.
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Local weather

FRIDAY



Thunderstorms
High: 80°
Low: 70°

SATURDAY



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UIUC professor talks injustice in United States

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Janice Collins, a journalism professor at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and former broadcast journalism professor at Eastern, spoke about how citizens are denied basic rights and how they are fighting for these them in a speech at the Booth Library.

Before the speech, the West Reading Room was a full house as students and other guests came to hear Collins deliver her speech.

Collins' speech was about people needing to build better relationships with others, and how they each need to reflect on their strengths, weaknesses and stereotypes.

"We must reflect on the world and see what we're doing, and when things happen in our community we have to reflect on that," Collins said.

In her speech she explained how people are denied the rights to living life, having liberty and happiness based on how some people endure injustice in the United States.

"Either you choose to be open and tolerant of others, or you don't," Collins said.

Collins said she considered her speech to be educational and spirit-filled for the audience. It took her a while to spend time getting the message ready that she wanted to leave with the audience.



OLIVIA SWENSON-HULTZ | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Janice Collins discusses the power of visual culture through media in The West Reading Room in the Booth Library Thursday night.

"At any point in time you can talk from passion, you can talk from anger, you can talk from love, you can talk from research, you can talk from theory and all of it is appropriate depending on what message you want to get across," Collins said. "At the end of the day, I spoke from my heart but I talked about history."

Collins said to her, what is important is what is behind the visuals and artifacts in the Booth Library.

Collins said her speech was connected with the Black Lives Matter movement because she wanted to point out how African-Americans are not the problem and how everyone can flourish in the United States.

"We don't want a black America, we don't want a white America, we don't want a gay America, we don't want a straight America," she said. "We want an America where everybody can flourish and that's why I think the systems have

to be changed and revised."

In her speech, Collins mentioned how those who believe 'All lives matter' have to believe African-American lives matter as well.

"If you believe all lives matter, then you must believe black lives matter," Collins said.

Collins said this was her first speech that had a lot of diversity and thought it was great.

"I thought it was wonderful that the library at Eastern, they didn't have to wait until African-American heritage month to do something like this," Collins said. "This was a little different, the crowd was a little different, the community people (were) here which I think is wonderful."

Collins said what influenced her to deliver the speech was people who are still fighting for rights and equality.

"We have to fight for the rights and equality for everyone," Collins said. "I may not understand everyone's place (or) position, I may not understand their culture, but what I do understand is that they're human beings and they're American citizens and they should have the right to life and liberty and the pursuit of happiness under the law."

Collins said her goals for giving her speech was to get the truth out, even though it can be hard to swallow.

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Both parties plan for student participation

By Analicia Haynes
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As November elections loom just around the corner, the Coles County Democrats and Republicans plan to focus their attention on registering students to vote and encouraging them to get involved.

John Clough, the chairman for the Coles County Republicans, and Paul Wieck, the chairman for the Coles County Democrats, both said Eastern students could have a powerful voice in the elections this year and want to help them get involved.

Wieck said the student vote can make a huge difference and can even change the course of an election.

"What students don't know is if enough (students) register to vote then they can sway an election," Clough said. "Granted, they would have to vote one way, but (students) don't realize how much political power they have, and if

they harness (that power), it would be unreal."

After the Democrats opened their headquarters at 615 Monroe Ave. on Thursday, Wieck said the first initiative is to register students to vote who live off-campus.

"We're counting on student government, the Pan-Hellenic Council and other organizations to register students on campus, but we want to focus on those living off-campus," Wieck said.

Wieck said they plan to campaign in targeted areas at 11 a.m. on Saturday.

They will go door-to-door and start at Campus Pointe, located on the east side of Wal-Mart.

"This is the time to step up to the plate," Wieck said. "If we aren't participating, we don't have a democracy."

Wieck said he encourages students to get involved by doing more than just posting on Facebook.

Instead, Wieck said for students to change minds and hearts, they need to participate in the elections by going

door-to-door and campaigning.

While the Democrats held the grand opening of their office, the Coles County Republicans are still in the process of deciding where they will host their headquarters.

Clough said the group had a building secured earlier in the year, but the owner decided to sell it.

"She is a friend of mine, and said it was an offer she couldn't refuse, so we understood," Clough said. "It's business."

Clough, who became the Republican chair in April, said the Coles County Republicans are currently working on a backup plan, which includes having their headquarters opened by Oct. 1.

Clough said just because the Republican Party has a majority of the county's support does not mean that they are not in a time crunch to open up their office.

"Just because you enjoy a majority doesn't mean you should be arrogant and ignore your constituents," Clough said.

Clough said there will be no grand opening, but the group will let everyone know where the headquarters is on Facebook or The Coles County Republicans' website.

Clough said he encourages student involvement in the elections and misses having the same amount of enthusiasm students bring to the table.

"(The students) are really an asset," Clough said. "We already have a lot of good young people involved."


Both headquarters will serve as a resource for party information and literature.


If anyone wants to volunteer, they can contact the Coles County Democrats at <http://colescountymocrats.com> or their Facebook page and the Coles County republicans at their Facebook page.


The Republican's website is currently under construction, Clough said.

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Improv group returns to Charleston

By **Chrissy Miller**
Contributing Writer | @DEN_News

The Chicago Improv Productions are coming back for the third year in a row to perform their show, “The Collage,” at 8 p.m. Saturday at the Charleston Alley Theatre.

Duke Bagger, owner of the Charleston Alley Theatre, said the group is quite clever when it comes to taking audience suggestions and making skits out of them.

Jonathan Pitts, executive director and performer in Collage, said each performance is unique because the audience can actively participate and interact with the performers.

“It’s always fun for the audience and us improvisers to see what we do with the suggestions and what those suggestions spark,” Pitts said.

Part of what makes the Collage show unique is the performers do not have a set group for every show. Different members of the 20-person group perform every time.

“Having different casts guarantees we’ll have different shows each time,” Pitts said. “Because we all know each other and the form, each cast combination is always cool, fun and unique.”

Pitts learned this form of improv in the ‘80s when performing with the founders of the Chicago improv group Stone Soup.

The members who are set to perform are Ian Williams, Scott Hanada and Jonathan Pitts from Chicago, Cara Maurizi and Jessica Shryock from the Champaign area and Jeff De Leon from the Quad Cities.

Both new and old performers will participate in the show.

Pitts has performed in over 1,500 improv shows. Along with performing and teaching around the world, Pitts has also taught at the Second City in Chicago for 16 years.



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The Chicago Improv Productions uses the audiences suggestions while performing different skits. This will be the third time the group has performed at the Charleston Alley Theatre.

“My joke is that I can get a flat tire anywhere and call up an improviser, and while they probably won’t be able to help me change the tire, they will keep me entertained,” Pitts said.

Performer Jessica Shryock said she also feels the connections and positive impact the company has had on her life.

“There is so much joy involved in

an improv set, and it is a very uplifting experience,” Shryock said.

Shryock got involved after participating in a collegiate improv tournament and has been part of the Collage team for about a year.

“Many people think that there is pressure to come up with something funny right on the spot, but this is not the case,” Shryock said. “True improv

is about the other members of your team, and never about yourself. There is no pressure, other than the pressure to support your teammates.”

Because the show is made up on the spot, some parts may not be appropriate for children.

However, Bagger said parents can decide what is appropriate.

The Charleston Alley Theatre is lo-

cated at 718 Monroe Ave. Tickets are 10 dollars, and people can call 345-2287 to reserve tickets. Tickets are also available at the door.

Parking will be available behind the theater just off Jackson Avenue across the street from Jackson Avenue Coffee.

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Sleep Disorders Center hosts public studies

By **AJ Fournier**
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Members of the Academy of Lifelong Learning can study their own sleep cycles 2 to 3 p.m. Tuesday at the Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center.

The program “Sleep Center for Sweet Dreams” will teach academy members the importance of sleep and the consequences of sleep deprivation. This is the first time the academy is working with the Sarah Bush Lincoln Sleep Disorders Center.

Rachel Hendrickson, the supervi-

sor of the sleep lab, said the program is beneficial because it can help anyone in the academy who is having problems sleeping.

The event will begin with a 30-minute presentation in the Education Center of Sarah Bush, which will go over the basics of sleep, different sleep disorders and sleep stages. Following that will be an open house where the academy will get a walk-through of the sleep lab.

If an academy member goes to the program and decide they want to get help with a sleep issue, they can sign

up to stay overnight on a different day to participate in a sleep study.

A technician will then connect the individual to various sensors and monitor the sleep stages the patient is going through.

Academy members can make an appointment for these overnight stays, which will start at 7:30 p.m. and 8:45 p.m.

People participating in the study will typically go to bed at 10 p.m. and wake up at 5 a.m.

The patient will then wait to hear from the doctor to see if they need to

come in again for additional testing or if they are diagnosed with sleep apnea.

Rodney Wildman, a registered sleep technician at Sarah Bush Lincoln, said a big issue employees at the Sleep Disorders Center have seen with people that do these sleep studies is they could need heart medication and not even know it.

“The heart issue could be from sleep apnea that’s undiagnosed,” Wildman said.

Wildman said these heart issues could also come about because the person’s heart is not receiving enough

oxygen.

Since these events are only for academy members, the Sleep Disorders Center will also host two other events that are open to the public to discuss the topic of sleep.

The first will be at 6 p.m. Thursday in the Workman Room at Effingham Public Library, and the second at 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 6 in the Lumpkin Family Center for Health Education at Sarah Bush Lincoln.

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Sean Hastings

Sean Says: Don't bite hard candy

So lemme tell you this. Jolly Ranchers are a great candy. There is not one flavor that tastes bad; they are all delicious, especially the green apple flavor. But that is kind of where I ran into some problems.

When I was in about third grade, I remember that we would get prizes for finishing books in a week from the library. Once a week our class would go, and we would check out books. Typical stuff.

If you finished the book you read in that week, you would get to pick a prize. I always had a sweet tooth and chose the candy that Ms. Finger had that day. That was her name. She took some heat for it.

So on this particular day, I chose to pick out what was my favorite candy at the time: the green apple Jolly Rancher.

Now, me being a kid, and not really thinking too much about consequences, I decided to bite down on the Jolly Rancher. That is where my day went up in flames.

The delicious Jolly Rancher got stuck to my tooth and it would not get unstuck. I got a little freaked out because we were not allowed to eat our candy in class.

At this point, I am freaking out a little bit because I did not want to get in trouble. I could not go to class with this Jolly Rancher stuck to my tooth or else I would get a "step." That was what my school called getting in a detention. If you got so many, it would add up to a detention. Thinking back, what I did this day was definitely not worth it. I should have just taken the step.

So before my class had to go back to our classroom, I went to the bathroom to try to get this Jolly Rancher off my tooth. I thought maybe I could just pull it off my tooth. I mean, this thing was really stuck to my tooth.

So I pulled really hard to get the Jolly Rancher off my tooth, and then I heard a little crackle, I thought I was close. So I kept pulling and pulling, and then it came off. The big problem was that I pulled out my tooth with it. This tooth was not loose, and I was bleeding like I never could have imagined.

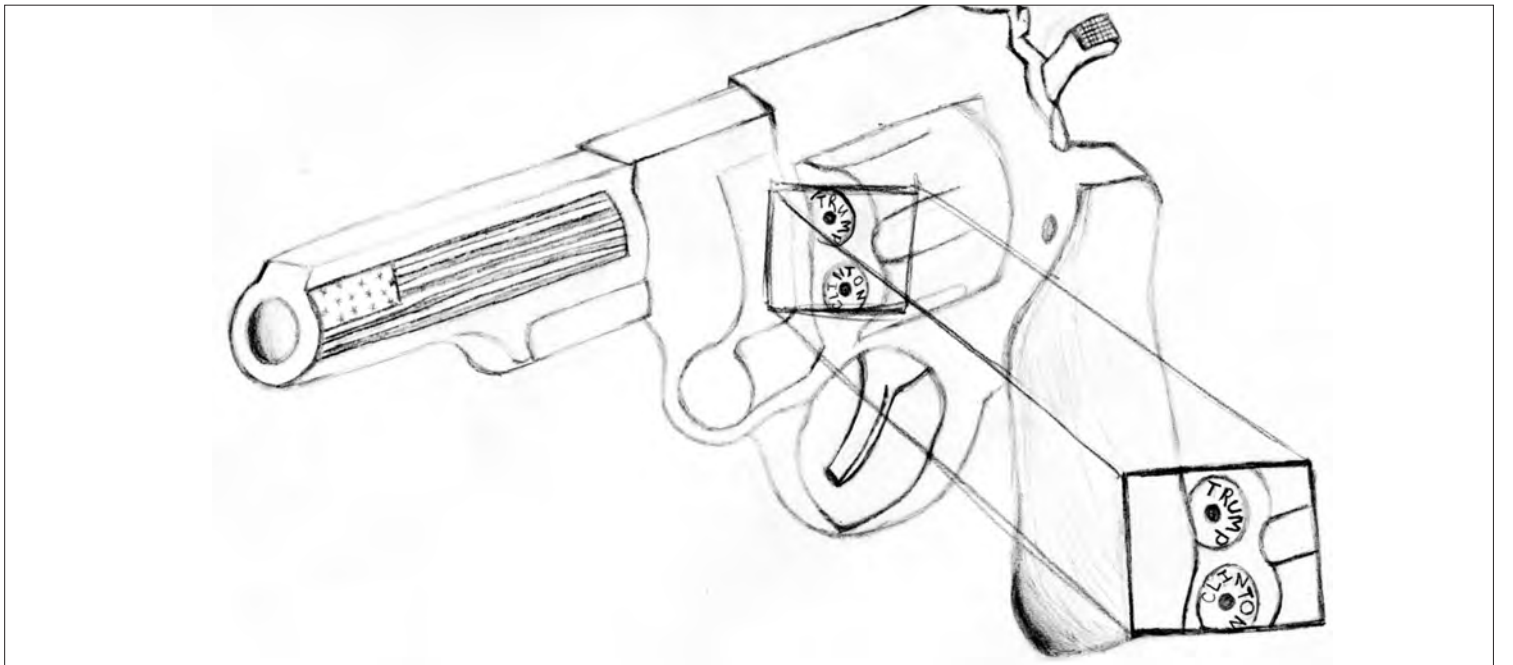
At this point, my time is running out. I had to get back and now my mouth was filled with blood and I was holding what was recently a rooted tooth in my hand. So then I had to deal with the blood gushing out of my mouth and also make it to class.

Well, to sum it up, I was late getting back to class and had to explain why I was bleeding the way I was. It was one of the worst days of third grade.

So my lesson to you is to not eat candy in class when you are not supposed to and to also not pull on a Jolly Rancher that is stuck to your tooth. At this point, you do not have an incoming adult tooth to fall back on. If you lose that, you are screwed.

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American Roulette



MOLLY DOTSON | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Staff Editorial

Glassman: help us understand your plan

At his State of the University Address, President David Glassman, the forerunner for supporting students, faculty and Eastern itself, mentioned his plans to remedy the challenges the university now faces as a result of the incompetent State to pass a full budget as well as to be "transparent" with the university community.

However, what does being transparent mean? Is it being completely honest with students and faculty when it comes to such remedies and the budgeting efficiency of the university or is it sending us to a

website without further explanation?

Though we know Glassman is trying to help the university community understand the need to plan for a "strategic solution to vitalize the campus," we at *The Daily Eastern News* feel that he failed at helping the university understand his Vitalization Project.

Glassman said the project is meant to be consolidated and transparent; however he presented a vague description that would have been more transparent if he gave a better explanation of the project

rather than sending us to the website and choosing to not answer questions at the end of his address.

While the Internet is a nifty tool to acquire knowledge and dispense such knowledge to the general population, the university community deserves more time to ask questions and have the right to hear those questions answered from the president's mouth.

The daily editorial is the majority opinion of the editorial board of The Daily Eastern News.

Take a risk and be the 'More Loving One'

On the last day of my junior year of high school, I was presented with the "More Loving One" award. My English teacher, Mr. R, created this award for me because I reminded him of the last two lines of the second stanza in W.H. Auden's poem, "The More Loving One." The lines that were printed below my name were, "if equal affection cannot be/let the more loving one be me." This award was given to me because, though I had a B in his class, he admired how hard I worked for my grade.

Like most people, I struggled during my junior year of high school. With AP tests, the ACT and college on the horizon, I felt as if I had a giant existential crisis cloud hanging over my head all the time. I spent my time doing all the things I could just to all lines to my resume. I felt no connection to anything or anyone, and I was just keeping my head above the water.

Throughout all of these trials and tribulations, my greatest challenge was trying to keep up in my AP Literature and Language course. That particular teacher, Mr. R, was infamous for being the most brilliant and intimidating teacher in the entire school. I spent, on average, two to three hours doing his assigned homework, rewriting essays (even though it was not required) and trying to get a head start on the next day's lecture. I was struggling to say the least.

Then, after all of the blood, sweat and tears, all I received was the glorified "best effort award."

Slightly insulted and embarrassed, I accepted the award and thought nothing of it. However, now that I am in college, I have been thinking a lot



Abigail Carlin

about what Mr. R was thinking when he gave me that award.

This was not about singling me out for having to work harder than anyone else for the same grade but about celebrating the journey that I went on to achieve it. Being the "more loving one" is not about being the most successful or even achieving the ideal end result. It is about being the person who is willing to go out and do whatever they can to achieve their goals, no matter how daunting the task may be.

This does not just apply to academics but to life, as well. Being the "more loving one" is scary. It requires the individual to risk their pride and to put their heart and their dignity on the line.

It has also served as a "check" of sorts in order to figure out one's priorities.

Maybe it is a relationship, a class, friendship or extracurricular activity. When reflecting upon any

of these things, I want to be able to sit down and be able to ask myself, "Does this allow me to be the 'more loving one?'" If I am not willing to put my whole heart into that thing or that person, why am I wasting my time?

In high school, I wasted so much time and effort trying to squeeze in as many "things" in my life as possible, but it all meant nothing to me. However, none of it was like Mr. R's class. The work I did, the study of rhetoric, of literature and of learning how to roast someone in an essay meant more to me than I could say, and I just did not understand it at that moment. I do now, and I now realize what Mr. R meant when he called me the "more loving one."

It was about rewarding me for investing my time in something that was important and meaningful, and thanks to him, that is how I intend on spending the rest of my time here at Eastern and the life that follows.

So I extend this invitation to you, reader. Look at your life. Are the people in your life worth your time, your strife? Think about your major—do not think about the money you could make in ten years, but what the material means to you personally. Life is short, and no matter how clichéd the phrase is, it does not mean its any less true. So why not spend it doing something that you love, being the person willing to love the things in your life the most?

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Letter to the Editor

Cast your ballot with enthusiasm for a qualified nominee

Throughout this campaign, we have all heard many reasons why we should not elect Donald Trump as our next president. Although, despite the intense anxiety the word "Trump" generates, the feeling on campus appears to be that students will hold their noses and choose Hillary Clinton as the lesser of two evils. Please do not do it! I want you to reconsider your vote.

Secretary Clinton is not simply an alternative to our fears. She deserves our votes, and here is why.

Through her service as First Lady, a U.S. Senator and finally as Secretary of State, Clinton has overcome never-ending animosity from her opponents in her quest to make our world a better place. Twenty years before the Affordable Care Act, Clinton risked her political future fighting for Canadian-style universal health care, which would have alleviated many of the issues that remain unaddressed despite President Obama's health care reforms. While she lost, she took up a historic

fight that nobody else had the courage to. Additionally, Clinton has earned the support of our nation's financial sector, which is not a scandal. The support of Wall Street suggests a faith of business leaders in the ability of a Clinton administration to generate and maintain financial stability. Finally, Clinton's unmatched experience in the realm of foreign policy will bolster our nation's ability to combat the threat of global terrorism.

Therefore, do not just mark the oval next

to Hillary Clinton's name as the only electable alternative to Donald Trump. I am asking you to proudly and enthusiastically vote for the most qualified candidate in generations to throw her hat in the ring. Quite simply, do not just vote against Donald Trump. That is obvious. Vote for Hillary Clinton to be our 45th president.

-Jonathan M. Williams, political science graduate student

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old. Fenton has a degree in music technology from the University of Central Missouri, and Locascio is studying music therapy at the University of Kansas.

Dave Bartlett
From: Chesterton, Ind.
Age: 41
Bartlett will be performing what he describes as an indie-acoustic style set. He had his own band but has not played live for almost three years. This will be his first time back after his musical hiatus. He has been writing and playing music since he was a teenager back in the 1990s. He admires the bands Sparkle Horse and Local H.

Teri Lyric Green
From: Lake St. Louis, Mo.
Age: 34
Green is originally from Chicago and calls her style “neo-soul hip-hop” or hip-hop infused with poetry. She has played in front of an audience of 20,000 people, was nominated for a Grammy back in 2014 and has her own Pandora station.

Juan Luchini
From: Clayton, Mo.
Age: 25
He describes his style as a mix of folk, pop and reggae. Luchini has lived in Argentina and performed there with numerous other musicians. Luchini said he has improved as a musician and singer by performing with other artists he

thought were better than he was at the time. He has been around music since a very young age and had a band he performed with frequently. He will be performing solo for Friday’s live event.

Jessamyn Rains
From: St. Louis, Mo.
Age: 38
Rains describes her style as “folk impressionism” and will be playing the piano for her performance. Her father is a pianist and bought her a drum set when she was 7 years old. Her influences for her music come from ‘60s and ‘70s folk singers like Joni Mitchell and Carly Simon.

Pha Thaprawa
From: Chicago, Ill.
Age: 21
Thaprawa is originally from Thailand before moving to Chicago for the second half of her life. She will be performing pop music. She picked up the piano when she was around 6 years old, and all throughout grade school and middle school was part of the orchestra. She has never taken professional music lessons. The two songs she will be performing for Song Stage have not been heard by anyone except for her boyfriend and family.

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JAC Jam



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Abby Carmen, a sophomore English major, performs with her ukulele at the open-mic night held every Thursday night at The Jackson Avenue Coffee shop.

Carnegie Library hosts children’s programs

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Charleston’s Carnegie Library will be hosting several programs this month for Eastern students and community members. According to a press release, five programs are offered this month at the library including Pre-School Story Time, Lego My Library, Mrs. Senior’s Fact and Fiction: Apples, Books and Babies, and Day Time Astronomy. Pre-School Story Time will resume every Monday at 10:30

a.m., 1:15 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. starting Sept. 12 through Nov. 28 for ages 3 through 5 in the Craft Room of the library. Children participating in the program will also be able to make crafts and participate in other literacy builders. Lego My Library, formerly Lego Club, will be from 4 to 5:15 p.m. Wed., Sept. 21 in the Rotary Room of the library for children in grades kindergarten to eighth grade. Children under 8 years old are advised to bring an adult. Be-

tween 5 and 5:15 p.m., builders will have a show and tell of what everyone made with their Legos. Legos will be provided for attendees. Mrs. Senior’s Fact and Fiction: Apples will be from 5:30 to 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 15 for kids in kindergarten through the third grade. Children will learn about apples through stories, activities and a craft in this program. Books and Babies will resume 10:30 a.m. Sept. 15 on Thursdays through Nov. 17 in the Craft

Room. This program has been developed for 3-year-olds and their caregivers. Bouncing rhymes, songs, finger plays, stories and other activities will be presented. The Day Time Astronomy will meet 5 p.m. Tuesday in the library parking lot. In this program, lunar craters and sunspots using filtered telescopes and projection scopes will be discussed. There will be telescopes set up for participants and have a guid-

ed viewing in an informal question and answer format. Children under 13 years old will need to bring an adult to the program. All of the library’s programs will be free and will not require a library card to participate. For further information on the library’s programs, those interested can call 217-345- 1514 or visit their website at www.charlestonlibrary.org. Abbey Whittington can be reached at 581-2812 or anwhittington@eiu.edu

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Women’s tennis team to open season at SIUE

By Parker Valentine
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The Eastern women’s tennis team has a few new faces on its roster this season, and Coach Emily Wang will get her a first look at the team this weekend at the SIUE invitational.

The Panthers play two singles matches and one doubles match Friday and two doubles and one singles match Saturday.

The other teams matching up in the invite are the Cougars of Southern Illinois Edwardsville, the Saint Louis Billikens and the Bradley Braves.

Wang is preparing the team to be alert and expect anything because of the amount of freshmen on the opposing teams. The opposing teams have a combined six freshmen at the meet. New players often offer new styles, and therefore techniques must be sharpened in practice.

“We are going to use this opportunity to grow as a team and evaluate the parts of our game that are strong and the parts of our game that need some work,” Wang said.

Senior Kelly Iden normally plays both doubles and singles for the Panthers, but she will be limited to just doubles. Junior Grace Summers and freshman Emily Pugachevsky will both be inactive in the team’s first invitational.

Iden and Summers have been limited at practice following illnesses.

Pugachevsky is recovering from a stress fracture, but she will return when fully healthy.

The entire Panther team is dedicated to growing with each other and giving Eastern a good name, as well as a continuous reputation as a strong tennis program.

“We bleed blue!” Abby Carpenter said, which received cheers from her teammates.



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Sophomore Abby Carpenter defeated Belmont’s Mical Johnson 2-6, 6-2, 10-4 in singles play on April 1, 2016, at the Darling Courts. The women’s tennis team will open its season this week.

The Panthers do not treat any team differently. No more focus is given to one team than the others, but it was also made clear that beating SIUE could be sweet revenge after a close regular-season loss last year, and it might be a sign of things to come this year.

“They are one of our bigger rivals,” the team said.

SIUE is the only team of the invite

that the Panthers faced in last year’s regular season.

The Cougars are led by stand out senior Lexi Aranda, who was named to the All-OVC team for the second-straight year in the 2015-16 regular season.

Saint Louis comes into the invitational led by Coach Jonathan Zych who has been coaching the Saint Louis

men’s and women’s teams for 16 years.

Saint Louis has consistently bested Eastern as of late with eight straight match victories. But although Eastern does not play them in the regular season this year, the goal is to wash away those defeats and start a new streak by defeating them at this invite.

Bradley is a different story. Although the Braves hold a slight se-

ries edge over the Panthers (16-15), Eastern has won eight straight matches against them. This will be the first of two times the Panthers meet them, the second coming at Bradley’s own invitational Sept. 23 through Sept. 25.

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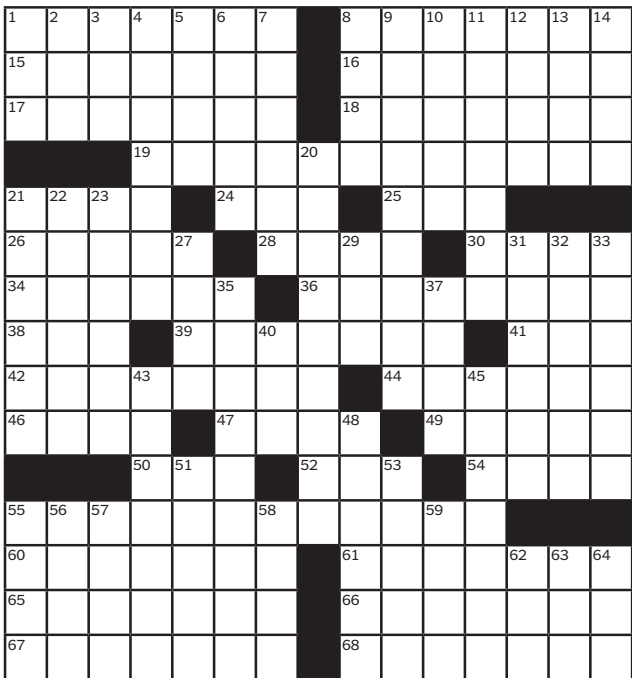
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A look around men’s soccer, Summit

By **Mark Shanahan**
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With each team in the Summit League three or four games into the season, it looks like Denver is the team to beat, like most predicted at the start of the year.

Denver started off the season with a 1-1 draw against No. 30 ranked Monmouth on the road.

Since then, Denver has won three straight road games with the notable win being against No. 25 ranked Rutgers.

Those wins were each by one goal, so this team is already battle tested, and it is still early in the season. Denver is currently ranked 13th.

While Denver has yet to lose in regulation, there are still two Summit League teams that have yet to get their first win.

Western Illinois has a record of 0-3-1, and IUPUI is 0-3. Western and IUPUI have a common trend of letting up a lot more goals than each have scored.

Western has scored four goals so far while giving up 10. IUPUI has a much wider margin, giving up 14 goals compared to only two goals that the team has scored.

Western and IUPUI have the first Summit League match of the year on Sept. 23rd.

Omaha, who is currently second in the conference, is 2-1-1 right now with the loss coming against 22nd-ranked Connecticut.

Their tie came against Creighton, and both of those games were on the road.

This makes it seem like Denver will run away with this league once again. It might just be the beginning of the year, but it looks like Denver is close to midseason form from a tough non-conference schedule.

Junior goalkeeper Mike Novotny is the only player from Eastern to be one of the top five at his position.

Novotny is tied for fourth in goals against with four. The leader is Raphael Kotzock from Fort Wayne who has let up one goal in two starts.

Novotny also ranks among the best in goals-against average and save percentage.

There are three players leading the Summit League with two goals each. Those players are Fazlo Alihodzic (Omaha), Jacob Murphy (Fort Wayne) and Alex Underwood (Denver).

Alihodzic was named the Offense Player of the Week with his two goals and two assists last week.

He was a part of the three goals in the 3-0 win over Drake and



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Teammates Jacob Lysik (3) and Davis Wegmann (21) defend a pass during a match against Marshall on Sunday at Lakeside Field. The Panthers lost to the Thundering Herd, 0-1.

had the lone goal in the tie against Drake.

Denver’s Kortne Ford earned the Defensive Player of the Week honor as he led the Pioneer defense to two shutouts last week.

He also added a goal in the victory against UIC.

Summit League members will need to use the remaining non-conference games to prepare for a competitive conference schedule.

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Men’s soccer team struggling in 2nd half of games

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JJ Bullock

Plainly stated, the Eastern men’s soccer team has not played well in the second half of its games this season. While the sample size is small, as the Panthers have competed in just four games this season, the splits between the team’s performance in the first half of games versus the second is just too glaring to ignore.

Eastern is currently 1-2-1. The two losses came at the hands of Marshall University and the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. The win was over the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay and the draw was a 1-1 finish with Northern Kentucky.

Win, lose or draw, all of these matches had a common denominator; Eastern either held or shared the lead with the opponent heading into halftime.

In the Panthers’ first contest against Northern Kentucky, East-

ern held a 1-0 lead heading into the half, with a 5-1 favor in the shots on goal category. During the first loss to UW-Milwaukee, both teams had zero goals at the half, and Milwaukee held the advantage in shots on goal, 7-5.

Against Green Bay, the Panthers had a 1-0 lead heading in to half with a 3-1 upper hand in shots on goal. In the loss to Marshall, it was 0-0 at half with Marshall leading the shots on goal column, 2-0.

Overall, in the first half of games Eastern has outscored its opponent, 2-0, and outshot them, 13-10.

However, Eastern’s 1-2-1 record

doesn’t correlate with the team’s first half success. Why? Because the Panthers’ play in the second half has been the polar opposite of the first.

While Eastern was able to hold on and beat Green Bay, the Phoenix still outshot them 8-3 in the second half.

Likewise in the second half, Northern Kentucky outshot the Panthers, 4-3, and outscored them, 1-0, forcing the 1-1 draw. UW-Milwaukee outshot Eastern, 5-3, and outscored them, 2-1. Marshall outshot Eastern, 6-1, and outscored them, 1-0.

Collectively, in the second half of games this year, Eastern has been outshot, 23-10, and outscored, 4-2.

Eastern director of soccer Kiki Lara commented on where the program was at in resolving this issue.

“I think we’re still getting to the bottom of it,” Lara said. “I think in the second half we have yet to really stay the course of our identity for 90 minutes. I think we do a really good job; our first halves have

Two thing that were for sure in Lara’s eyes however were that the Panthers’ troubles late in games had nothing to do with the team’s conditioning or physical standard, and that the identity of the program wasn’t changing anytime soon.


“I wouldn’t say that it’s a fatigue thing. Our men’s team is actually very fit, it’s something that we take pride in.

“I give credit to who we’re playing against as well. There are teams that are first-half teams, second-half teams; there are teams that will make adjustments and figure things out, and we don’t change our way. We stick to the same course and stick to the same identity, and I think for a good reason. Our goal is to manipulate the opponent, and we will stick to that until we figure out how to do it for 90 minutes,” Lara said.

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Panthers hit the road for Miami-Ohio

By Sean Hastings
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Eastern's loss to Western on Sept. 1, following miscues by the team which lead to Western scoring, makes execution the focus this week leading up to Saturday's game against Miami-Ohio.

When Eastern squares up with Miami-Ohio on Saturday, the Panthers will be searching for their first win against an FBS team since 2013.

Both the Panthers and the Redhawks are coming off season-opening losses, and for the Panthers, red-shirt junior quarterbacks Mitch Kimble and Austin Green can make a big impact.

Kimble and Green will both see playing time just as they did in the Western game. Green played for one drive in the contest and did what Coach Kim Dameron put him out there to do.

Dameron wanted Green to get one drive in the game in the second quarter. He went 4-for-5 on his drive, leading the Panthers down the field.

Kimble's first career start at Eastern had it's ups and downs, but his 323 passing yards shows he can really throw the football and stands out a bit more heading into the game.

The turnovers happened in his first game, but he has put those behind him, and this week he is focused on holding onto the ball and execution.

"Obviously we're looking forward to Miami of Ohio, but we're also just focusing on ourselves and making

sure that everyone is getting better everyday. We've been practicing like it's a game."

Kimble was not the only player on the team who made mistakes that game. Eastern failed to recover Western's pooch kick, which is why Dameron and his Panther team are focused more on execution this week than anything.

The thing with Kimble is that he is the quarterback, his mistakes are amplified a bit more than someone on the defensive line, Dameron said.

"(Kimble) has worked extremely hard this week as we all have, just correcting those mistakes," Dameron said.

In the Redhawks' last game, it was Iowa's running game that propelled the Hawkeyes' to their 24-point victory; something the Panthers did not utilize in their game against Western.

Although Miami-Ohio lost to Iowa, its offense did put up 21 points against the Big Ten School, showing after just one game that its offense is well rounded.

"They do a good job offensively keeping you off balance," Dameron said. "They're very balanced offensively, and they can throw the football."

Defensively, the Redhawks are strong, Dameron said. And when it comes down to it, it is Kimble's and the rest of the offense's job to attack.

"They have some weaknesses, but our coaches are putting together a good game plan and we're going to attack them," Kimble said. "But again, our biggest focus on ourselves. If we were to play our game again last week,



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Eastern quarterback Mitch Kimble attempts a pass in the first quarter of the football game against Western on Sept. 1. Kimble finished with 323 passing yards, completing 18-of-29 attempts and tossing 2 touchdowns in the Panthers' 38-21 loss.

we'd be able to beat those guys. But now we're focusing on Miami."

The Panthers' defense held strong against Western, as they had their

back against their own end zone to start drives.

Eastern and the Redhawks will get underway in Oxford, Ohio, at 2:30

p.m. on Saturday.

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Women's soccer team to play 2 home matches this weekend

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The women's soccer team will head into the weekend with matchups against IUPUI (3-2-1) Friday, before facing Northern Iowa (2-3-1) on Sunday.

Eastern continues what is a run of six straight home games before that run concludes with their first two opening games of the Ohio Valley Conference.

Although the Panthers have had a slow start in the season, their recent play has made it difficult for opposing offenses to score early.

Two of the four losses have come in the last three minutes of the game against opponents Bowling Green and more recently, Indiana State.

Coming off a 2-0 loss with goals conceded in the final two minutes of the game against Indiana State, Eastern can get back on track with schools that they have been familiar with in the past.

Eastern and IUPUI will play their eighth competitive matchup this season.

The Panthers hold four wins, two losses and a draw, in the 2015 season, against IUPUI in their last seven contests.

Northern Iowa will meet the Panthers in what also will be their eighth competitive fixture in the same weekend.

Both teams tie the series with three wins and losses with a draw.

With recent history favoring Northern Iowa, Eastern hopes to turn their fortune around in what can be a decisive game of the season.

Northern Iowa will head into the game off the back of three straight victories, most notably a 3-0 victory coming from last season.

The weekend will provide the Panthers with an opportunity to recapture the form they showed in their victory with Chicago State, as their last game before Ohio Valley Conference play comes in the form of Marian University, on Monday, Sept. 19.

Eastern's lone goal scorers of the campaign feature two freshmen looking to make a positive influence in an attack that holds a mix of experience



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Elisabeth Held, a junior midfielder, fights for position against an Indiana State defender on Sunday at Lakeside Field. The Panthers lost the match, 0-2.

in the midfield.

Freshman Henar Urteaga is the first Panther to score for the women this season, while freshman Hannah Heinz added her first collegiate goal — a game winner — in which both scored in the match against Chicago State.

Urteaga and Heinz have identical stat lines for the season. Both played in five matches and have two shots.

Eastern will be at Lakeside Field for the weekend as they take on IUPUI, with kick off at 3 p.m. on Friday, followed by Northern Iowa at noon on Sunday.

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Volleyball team set for Panther Classic

By Maher Kawash
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With the momentum of two straight wins on its side, the Eastern volleyball team heads into a crucial weekend.

The Panthers will host the EIU Panther Classic beginning Friday in Lantz Arena, and this can be seen as a potential turning point of their season.

Eastern is coming into the four-team tournament with a 2-6 record this season, and the most recent wins came at the hands of Jackson State and Western Illinois.

This weekend marks the first time the Panthers are hosting a regular season tournament since 2008.

Drake can be said to be the top dog of the tournament, coming in with the best overall record of the four teams at 6-2.

Drake is led on the offensive side by Kyla Inderski, as she leads her team in kills with 124 while no other player on the roster has more than 75.

On the defensive side, Michelle Thommi leads the way for Drake as she has posted 165 digs on the year.

The Panthers will open tournament play against Drake, and will need the efforts of sophomore Taylor Smith and junior Maria Brown.

Smith and Brown have emerged as the leaders on the team with the play on the court.

Smith leads NCAA Division I volleyball in triple-doubles this season as the second year Panther has three on the young season.

Two of those triple-doubles have come in the past two games as Smith has led her team to two straight wins.

But it has not stopped there for

Eastern as some other women have risen to the occasion considering how young the team is this year.

Brown has been consistent all season long and has back-to-back double-doubles to show for it.

She earned her third double-double of the season with her performance against Western, helping the Panthers with 10 kills and 14 digs.

Brown was not the only one though as five players recorded double-doubles against the Leathernecks Tuesday night.

Eastern follows the match against Drake with a match against Bowling Green. Bowling Green is 4-0 all-time against the Panthers, and come into play this time around with an even 3-3 record on the season.

After Eastern tries to earn its first win in program history against Bowling Green, the team will wrap up tournament play against Louisiana Tech.

Louisiana Tech handed the Panthers a 3-1 loss earlier in the season, and are coming into this tournament at 4-3 overall.

Defense will be key in all these matches for Eastern, and freshman Maggie Runge has been the answer on that side of the ball for the Panthers this season.

Runge is tied for seventh in blocks in all of Division I at 40 on the season, and is just eight shy of leading the nation.

Runge and the Panthers will follow the EIU Panther Classic with another road stint, traveling to Mississippi for a tournament beginning Sept. 16.

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ON THE VERGE

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'Porch Fire' to light up Mac's Uptowner stage

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The southern Illinois bluegrass band Porch Fire will be heating up Charleston when they take the stage at Mac's Uptowner to Friday at 9:30 p.m.

Guitarist Blake Bledsoe, drummer Troy Hutchens, mandolin player Dakota Yeck-Petty, upright bass player Elizabeth Hartman, keyboard player Levi Jones and violinist and fiddle player Cecily Rhodes bring the fire in every performance.

Band members Hutchens and Yeck-Petty both said their sound is difficult to explain because of how different it is from other bands that play similar music.

"We don't mind dragging you through the mud," Hutchens said. "We try to really push the boundaries of jamming and improv and not a lot bands really do that."

The Porch Fire sparks caught flame 2015 after Yeck-Petty's bluegrass band Old Toby and Hutchens and Bledsoe's "Jamband" Candlefish broke up.

The three musicians became friends, and Hartman, Rhodes, and Jones soon joined, and Yeck-Petty said he has "never regretted it since."

Hartman said she is so lucky to have joined the group.

"With the six of us, we can fuse bluegrass, funk, rock, blues, classical, jazz and electronic," Hartman said.

Similar to their talents, the mem-



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Members of the band "Porch Fire," partying with the crowd at their first show at Mac's Uptowner last spring.

bers of Porch Fire have all had different musical upbringings and influences.

Addicted to bass lines since birth, Hartman said she was born to Mozart's "Eine kleine Nachtmusik."

"I began playing upright (bass) as soon as my hands were big enough," said Hartman. "Porch Fire has been an incredible experience because it's forced me to get off sheet music and incorporate additional elements from my listening history into my playing."

Rhodes said she found her love for classical musical in first grade and played in orchestras growing up.

"Being in a jam grass band is a huge change of pace for me, and it's been the most fun I've had with music so far," Rhodes said.

Yeck-Petty said he played in a concert band as marching percussionist and began playing the mandolin in college, where he played with a traditional bluegrass band.

Bluegrass bands The String Cheese Incident, Leftover Salmon,

Yonder Mountain String Band and Greensky Bluegrass influence Yeck-Petty.

"I felt like these bands were really pushing bluegrass genre to new places, and (I) wanted my music to do the same," Yeck-Petty said.

Hutchens said he also started in his school band before he became a live performer.

Jones said jazz pianist Robert Glasper, classical pianist Arvo Pärt and American funk composer Roy Ayers are his keyboard influences.

On the other hand, Bledsoe said when he first started as a guitarist, he got a lot of inspiration from the metal genre.

The band agreed that their favorite venue they have performed at was Shoe Fest at the beginning of September.

"The crowd was kind and the sound was righteous," Hartman said.

That was not the only memorable aspect for the band, as Yeck-Petty said the band's craziest experience was last May when they played at a local bar in Carbondale.

The band was joined by hula-hoop dancers dressed as fairies while the crowd was filled with glow sticks and balloons.

Although the band is from Carbondale, Rhodes said that Charleston, overtime, has become the band's second home.

"Mac's Uptowner is a great venue that we have had the pleasure of performing at a few times," Rhodes said.

Yeck-Petty even grew up in Mattoon, and he said that playing in Charleston is a "hometown throw-down" for the band.

Fans, locals and students can experience Porch Fire's heat this Friday or by checking out their Facebook page.

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Panthers across campus on the prowl this weekend

Claire Overland, sophomore health studies major, and Kelsey Overland, sophomore communication studies major, said usually they go to neighboring towns and explore. The girls said they sometimes go to random places that are rumored to be haunted. Claire Overland said they are friends with a lot of residents who tell them the ghostly spots around. Kelsey Overland said in town, they found a light post in a cemetery that is rumored to light up if a spirit is there. The duo said they try to keep things exciting, and those kind of trips help with that. "It's not motion sense, because we can drive away and it will light up when we're on the other side," Kelsey Overland said. With rain in the forecast, the sisters said they might watch Netflix as an indoor activity.

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Claire Overland, sophomore health studies major (left), and her twin sister Kelsey Overland, sophomore communication studies major (right), in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union Thursday.

Gotta catch em' all around campus, safely

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The school year has officially kicked off.

More students and teachers now rush to and from than one would have seen just three weeks ago.

Cars roam the streets, bicycles roam the sidewalks and Pokémon Trainers roam carefully.

University Police have found that, even in its July prime, mobile app Pokémon GO has caused no reported accidents or incidents on campus, despite the inherent safety concerns of being distracted while on the move.

Before July was over, our neighbors across the pond reported nearly 300 incidents of theft, assault and distracted driving.

Two women were struck and killed in separate incidents in Japan within the span of a week, and a 19-year-old stumbled upon a dead body in Wyoming.

I, meanwhile, tripped over my other left foot.

It would seem my fellow Panthers aren't faring any worse than I am.

The usage of smart phones on the go is as prevalent as ever – you can see one in the hands of every other person you pass on your way to class – but very few eyes are glued to the small screens.



Nobody I've encountered thus far on this tiny campus has stopped in the middle of the sidewalk to catch that peskily pervasive Pidgey.

Despite this relative calm, University Police Chief Kent Martin encourages players to remain alert, both for trip hazards such as tree roots and uneven pavement and for the potential for theft.

"Not around here, but I've heard, in bigger cities, people have gotten robbed because they're not paying attention," Martin said. "They become a vulnerable target."

Martin also reiterated the warnings that developer Niantic includes upon loading Pokémon GO – stay alert, don't play while driving and respect private property.

Kyle Stalla, who manages the "Pokémon GO at EIU" Facebook group, recommends playing in groups when possible and never straying into unfamiliar territory at night.

"I would also suggest what I do when heading into populated areas or crossing streets and take your eyes

off the phone," Stalla said.

Keep in mind that your phone will vibrate when a Pokémon is nearby, meaning you should not stare at it in search of the digital critters.

A quick glance down every few steps should be enough to put your location in perspective.

Pokémon aren't the only features you'll likely be on the lookout for, though.

When out and about, make every attempt to familiarize yourself with the locations of the supply-spewing Pokéstops around you.

Don't let the app guide you to the tower-esque blue map markers; instead, pocket your phone and look for the landmarks they correspond to – the ROTC sign outside of Klehm Hall, the clock tower south of Booth Library and at least half a dozen abstract sculptures down 7th Street.

You can turn Pokémon GO into a scavenger hunt while remaining alert and acquainting yourself with your surroundings in the process.

Keep yourself safe, and don't forget to catch 'em all.

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Review: 'Kubo and the Two Strings'

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The first time I saw a trailer for "Kubo and the Two Strings" I knew I wanted to see it.

I am a sucker for stop motion animation, and the movie looked gorgeous and had its own style. It also looked like it was trying something different than the typical Tim Burton gothic style stop motion film.

Kubo is an interesting film. It does stuff a lot of kid movies would not do.

It deals with a kid who had his eye taken as a baby.

He also had a mother who obtained a head injury and it affects how she acts and when she can remember things.

The movie is not depressing though.

It is a very upbeat colorful film, and one of the best stop motion animations I have seen.

The film looked gorgeous and used both practical stop motion figurines and what seems to be some green screened backgrounds that might used CGI seamlessly and the effect is like looking at a 3D moving story book.

The main character has the ability to control paper with a shamisen, which is a 3 stringed instrument somewhat similar to a guitar.

The implementation of storytelling using this instrument and origami animals and people is downright delightful.

The acting in the film is pretty great as well with Charlize Theron, Matthew McConaughey and Art Parkinson carrying the majority of the movie with great dialogue and storytelling throughout it.

Rooney Mara does a great job at playing a couple of the antagonists in the film.

The film also has some really exciting and fun fight scenes that are reminiscent of watching anime.

The fact that they pulled the

scenes off using stop motion instead of traditional animation or CGI is impressive and adds some tangible impact to he fights as they happen.

The movie is not without problems though.

One problem I had with the film is it had a bit of a tone problem.

Kubo is aimed to be a kid's movie but a lot of it tackles topics that might go over kids heads.

I thought the movie might go full Pixar and treat kids better as more intelligent and not just looking at moving pictures on the screen.

However, the film has a lot of tonal dissonance with some scenes in there that are purely aimed for kids.

A lot of bad things happen to people in this movie that are played off in a scene or two later that doesn't seem to impact the characters as much as it should.

The other problem I had with the film is the ending.

I won't spoil it but the movie had been leading up to a fight scene that just sort of ends.

This is a really good movie that is held back from being an all-time classic because of the rushed ending that soured it a bit.

I personally would give the film about a 7.5.

It is much more original and beautiful looking then recent stop motion films and is a joy to look at.

But the tonal dissonance and a rushed feeling ending holds it back from getting a higher score.

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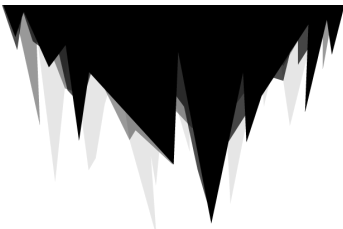
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Weekly Trend Section: Making style your own

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Style can be defined as many things. I like to think that everyone has their own style.

No one is entitled to delegate someone else's look. People tend to follow trends, not that it is a bad thing; I myself adore some trends that appear on the forefront.

Interestingly enough, I discovered someone who defies the odds and makes her own style rules.

Alexa Abrenilla is an innovative, daring young woman with an incredible style of her own.

She has become a style icon over social media for her creative looks. But Abrenilla does not give herself nearly as much credit as she deserves.

"I don't know what to call my style, because it's honestly all over the place. Some days I feel like being monochromatic and wearing blacks, grays, whites, and some days I am just so full of color," Abrenilla said.

She said some of her favorite places to shop include Topshop, Zara, Forever 21 and H&M. People often associate expensive with quality when that is not always the case.

The high price of an item does not necessarily indicate the item is top of the line nor stylish.

It is not always about the money; it is more about the look.

"As a college girl, I look for dupes that look similar to high end fashion brands," Abrenilla said. "I online shop a lot, but I mainly go through those stores quite often because they tend to have clothes that I flow toward."

She said she has been influenced by Korean and Japanese street style because of their ability to add a personal touch or a pop of color to effortless outfits.

"I have been finding cool Ko-



rean stores that ship to the United States such as mixxmix.com and m.en.alandglobal.com," Abrenilla said. "Their selection is simple but very nice and affordable."

So many people live in fear to wear what they want, to dress themselves according to their personal preferences.

Not all name brands make nice things. There are some brands that get their inspiration from traditional looks. They revive trends from the past to bring in revenue.

"The main issue about brands is that people tend to buy it for the name and for that purpose only. They believe that if they buy a certain brand people will look up to them," Abrenilla said. "As for me, if anything is nice in design and quality, regardless of the name brand, I will get it."

What works for one person, may not work for you. We are all different so find what works for you, and experiment with it. It's all about finding what is right for you.

"It is important to be yourself; don't try to be someone else and dress like someone else. Try to find a fit that you are comfortable in and that is so you," Abrenilla said.

As for worrying about what other people may think of your looks try taking Abrenilla's advice.

"Don't be afraid of what people will say, because honestly style is how you work it," she said.

Follow Abrenilla on Twitter @atoaii. As she would say, "Stay kawaii."

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Alexa Abrenilla said she gets her inspiration from Korean street wear.



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Alexa Abrenilla has become a self-proclaimed social media fashion icon.

Review: 'Don't Breathe'

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Fede Alvarez (Director of the "Evil Dead" remake) brings another terror story in his 2016 horror movie "Don't Breathe."

The movie tells of three burglars, Rocky, Alex and Money who break into a blind army veteran's house to see if they can find anything of value.

After the homeowner finds out of the invasion, it soon turns into a game of cat and mouse as he locks up any exit for them to escape and despite being blind relies on his other senses to find them.

I give this movie a positive review because if there is one thing I won't call this movie, it is cliché.

The suspense and scares come from the burglars point of view. They were being trapped and chased while trying to avoid death from the blind man who is not afraid to harm

them.

The movie doesn't rely on or have many jump scares or gore.

In some ways, this movie is more of a thriller than it is a horror. You are always on the edge of your seat wondering what is going to happen to the three burglars, as they run and attempt to escape this house like a maze.

About halfway into the movie is where the plot thickens and starts to turn as the burglars attempt to find an exit. They discover something that they weren't prepared to find and it just puts more fear into what they are dealing with.

It almost makes a completely second plot for the movie; another interesting point of the movie is who is the true antagonist?

The blind man is trying to kill these characters, but since the three teens broke into his home it raises the question on who is the true antagonist.

Another positive note I give this movie is the performance by Stephen Lang, who plays the blind homeowner.

His performance not only convinces you that he is a real army veteran, but that the actor himself really is blind instead of just pretending to be.

Overall, I give this movie a three out of four stars because it offers something different than the usual jump scare supernatural horror movies that have come out recently.

And since the jump scares and gore is limited, along with having twists throughout the movie, you know you are getting something different but enjoyable.

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John Piper, senior kinesiology and sports studies major (left), with his roommate Tyler Collins, junior kinesiology and sports studies major (right).

John Piper, senior kinesiology and sports studies major, and Tyler Collins, junior kinesiology and sports studies major, are roommates and said they plan to go out with friends. Piper said they try to get as much relaxation as they can. Watching “Narcos” on Netflix is what the duo said they would do if it rains. If things go as planned they said hitting the bars is definitely what they are doing. “We don’t have a specific location, we just kind of go with the flow,” Collins said.

Colton Sells, a graduate student, said this weekend he plans to study and catch up on schoolwork. He said if he can squeeze in time, he wants to play video games or play tennis with his wife. He said instead of a favorite game, he rents whatever is available and plays away. “(Video games) is just something I grew up with. It’s something that me and my friend did as a hobby and is a way to bring people together, or do on your own,” Sells said.



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Colton Sells, a graduate student, in the Booth Library on Thursday afternoon.

African-Americans add color to the Olympic Games

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This year’s Olympic Games were an eye opening breakthrough for African-Americans as they added a little more color to the winner’s circle.

It is said that history only repeats itself, something like déjà vu, and I would have to say I agree.

African-Americans made their first appearance in the Olympic games 80 years ago.

According an article on Huffington Post, “Jesse Owens Was Brave. So Were These 17 Other Black Olympians,” the famous 1936 Olympics in Berlin, Germany was just one of the many major breakthroughs by African-Americans.

While everyone only remembers that Olympic year for Jesse Owen’s outstanding performances, there were more African Americans that pushed through as well.

If you’re not familiar with this specific era, I can tell you it wasn’t the prettiest of times.

Berlin was a city run by Adolf Hitler at the time.

A man who decided to create genocide against Jewish people and was not at all a fan of Blacks.

If you are wondering what this small history lesson has to do with anything, don’t hurt your head trying to put all of the pieces together. All you need to know is that from



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Olympic gold medalist Simone Biles,19, at the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio. Biles won gold medals in Women’s vault, Women’s team all-around, Women’s floor exercise, and Women’s individual all-around.

then up to now African-Americans have broken through a sports barrier.

This fence up against African-Americans put restraint on many talented amateur athletes, while white athletes took all the credit for being named the best athletes in the

world.

Of course, coming back to the present day, there is not as much of a divide as it was then but there is a fine line.

African-Americans stepped outside the comfort zone of the stereotypes people place on them.

This meaning, they did not only pursue gold medals in events that are known to be minority dominated.

Across the board, African-Americans could be spotted on podiums. USA Track and Field’s Usain Bolt once again remains the world’s fast-

est, most untouchable man in sprint racing.

If Gabby Douglas wasn’t enough with her 2012 London appearance she came back and continued to wow the crowds.

Douglas wasn’t alone this year as a new face, Simone Biles, appeared in the spotlight claiming her title as the best gymnast in the world.

Biles came to compete and strutted the podiums with bling style. USA Track and Field’s Allyson Felix got the title of the most decorated female in the Olympics.

She earned yet another individual medal in the 400 meter dash and additional medals from the 4x100 and 4x4the 4x100 and 4x400 meter team relays.

If you’re not impressed yet, it doesn’t stop their USA swimmer Simone Manuel took gold in the women’s 100m freestyle.

A major breakthrough of adding color to a different sport.

So you see, African-Americans were once upon a time held back. They were brainwashed for years to think that they were not capable of being great in the same superior dominated sports.

I can’t speak for us all, but the world as we know it is changing. Everything is not simply white and black anymore.

Too see how far African-American people have come and how they continue to break through walls of color dominance is life changing.

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